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## Jean Lafitte News Release

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## Louisiana Purchase Exhibit at French Quarter Visitor Center

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve will present an exhibit entitled "Louisiana Purchase in the History of the United States of America" from April 1-30 at its French Quarter Visitor Center at 419 Decatur Street. There will be an open house for the exhibit on Thursday, April 3, at 4:00 p.m.

The exhibit traces the events that led to the Louisiana Purchase, beginning with the discovery of Canada (New France), to the exploration and settlement of Louisiana. The story of the conflicts of France, Great Britain, and the struggle for the colonial states independence is told through reproduced maps and documents, and a collection of original French and American stamps. Exhibit information is both French and English.

The exhibit was produced by Jacque and Pauline Royal, who have created various exhibits about French Louisiana. The exhibit and all other activities at the park's French Quarter Visitor Center are free and open to the public.

Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve's French Quarter Visitor Center is located at 419 Decatur Street. It is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. For more information call (504) 589-2636.

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